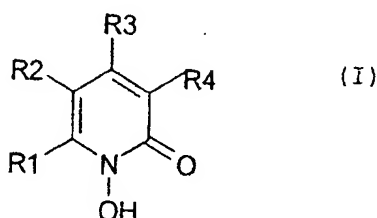


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

## CLAIMS 1-11 (CANCELLED)

12. (New) A nail varnish possessing an antimycotic action, comprising:

- a) 2 to 80% by weight, with respect to the amount of volatile compounds, of at least one 1-hydroxy-2-pyridone of general formula (I)



in which

R1 represents either a straight or branched alkyl group having from 6 to 9 carbon atoms or a cycloalkyl group having from 3 to 6 carbon atoms,

one of the substituents R2 and R4 represents a hydrogen atom and the other represents a hydrogen atom or a group chosen from the methyl and ethyl groups, and

R3 represents a straight or branched alkyl group having 1 or 2 carbon atoms,

in the free form or in the form of a physiologically acceptable salt, as substance possessing an antimycotic action,

- b) from 0.1 to 20% by weight, with respect to the amount of volatile compounds, of a promoter of absorption of the active substance chosen from the group comprising urea, ammonium sulfite, esters and salts of thioglycolic acid, allantoin, enzymes and salicylic acid,

- c) 5 to 40% by weight, with respect to the amount of volatile compounds, of a film-forming agent which is soluble in polar solvents, and optionally
- d) a physiologically acceptable solvent, as well as, optionally,
- e) additives acceptable in cosmetology.

13. (New) The nail varnish as claimed in claim 12, wherein the active substance possessing an antimycotic action corresponds to the formula (I) in which R2 and R4 are each a hydrogen atom.

14. (New) The nail varnish as claimed in claim 12, wherein the active substance possessing an antimycotic action corresponds to the formula (I) in which R1 represents a cycloalkyl group having from 3 to 6 carbon atoms.

15. (New) The nail varnish as claimed in claim 14, wherein the active substance possessing an antimycotic action corresponds to the formula (I) in which R1 represents a cyclohexyl group.

16. (New) The nail varnish as claimed in claim 12, wherein the active substance possessing an antimycotic action corresponds to the formula (I) in which R1 represents a  $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$  group.

17. (New) The nail varnish as claimed in claim 12, wherein the agent which promotes absorption of the active substance is urea.
18. (New) The nail varnish as claimed in claim 12, wherein the active substance possessing an antimycotic action represents 10 to 60% by weight with respect to the amount of nonvolatile components.
19. (New) The nail varnish as claimed in claim 18, wherein the active substance represents 20 to 40% by weight with respect to the amount of nonvolatile components.
20. (New) The nail varnish as claimed in claim 12, wherein the active substance possessing an antimycotic action represents 0.5 to 20% by weight with respect to the amount of the nonvolatile components.
21. (New) The nail varnish as claimed in claim 20, wherein the active substance possessing an antimycotic action represents 2 to 15% by weight with respect to the amount of the non volatile components.
22. (New) The nail varnish as claimed in claim 12, wherein the film-forming agent is chosen from the group consisting of acrylic/methacrylic copolymers, polymethacrylate/butyl acrylates, acrylic/acrylate copolymers, polyvinyl alcohol, polyvinylpyrrolidones,

polyvinylpyrrolidone/vinyl acetates and vinylpyrrolidone/dimethylaminoethyl methacrylates.

23. (New) The nail varnish as claimed in claim 12, wherein the solvent is composed of a mixture of the solvents having a boiling point of less than 100°C and of solvents having a boiling point of between 100 and 150°C and optionally of a solvent having a boiling point of between 150 and 200°C.

24. (New) The nail varnish as claimed in claim 23, wherein the solvent is a hydrophilic system chosen from the group comprising the water/ethanol, water/isopropyl alcohol and water/butanol mixtures.

25. (New) The nail varnish as claim in claim 243, wherein the proportion ranges from 10/90 to 30/70.